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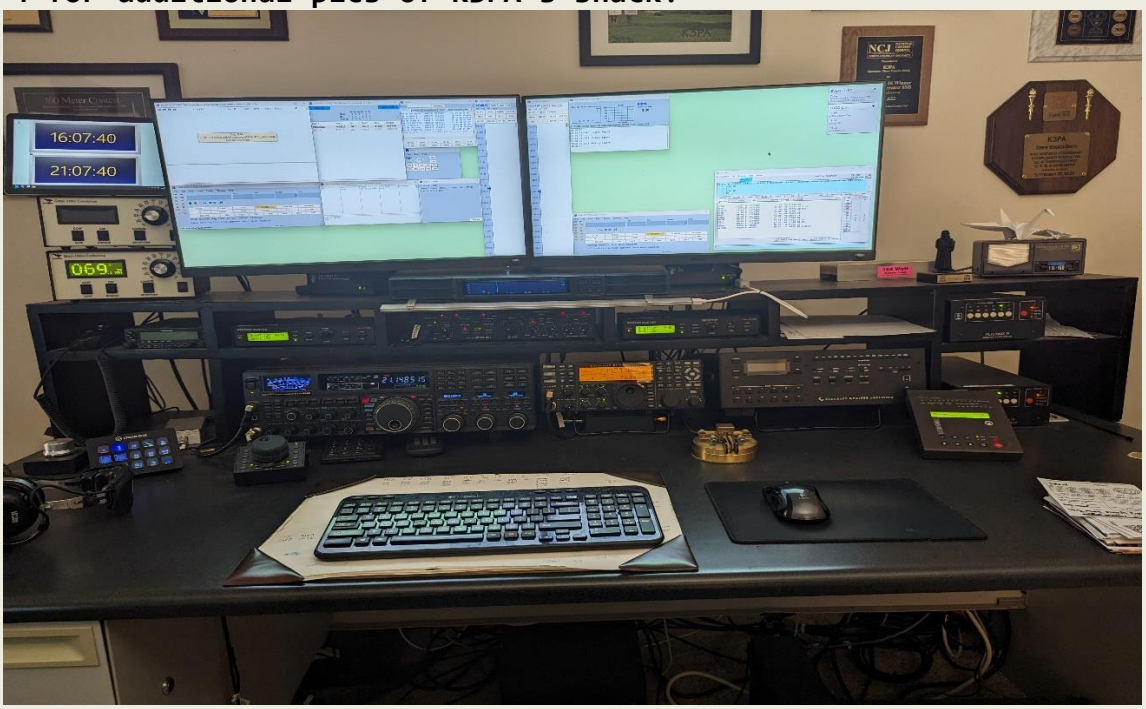
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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: July 31, -The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, in the Logan Meeting room, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212.Start: 6:30pm. Program will be AA0Z on how to set up and run Node Red. Discussion of Dayton activities, also. Zoom available also.

SHACK PICS: K3PA sent over the following shack pics: Wow! Big time radio set up! See page 4 for additional pics of K3PA's shack!



KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	48	2382
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	346	323		191	36	2746
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	24	882		15	2288
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
KB0X	336							
KE5BR	335	177	297	79				742
W0QQ	335	251	332	252	151	118	41	2018
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
WA0WOF	333							
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0XM	326	292	275	225		113	24	1858
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
AD0K	265	247	88	200	209	36	6	940
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
AI6O	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
N0EG	260	208	177	137		27	11	826
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
N9GB	203							
N0RC	178	39	51	167	82	3	3	735
W0ZAP	171	39	76	149	21		5	655
W0HL	101	23	52	83		5	7	257
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	138

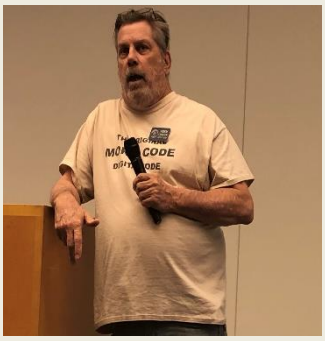
Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

The President's Corner
July 2023
Chuck KØXM

Greetings!!!

Hello everyone, and I hope all is well.

I had my scheduling screwed up with my Job change, and the Wyoming trip for Field Day, and for that I sincerely apologize to everyone. This month we have a presentation from Kyle, AA0Z (I PROMISE) on the setup and operation of Node Red for your ham shack. This is a widely growing software package that has many industrial and hobby uses. It seems to be the growing package for remote operation. I, for one am looking forward to Kyle's talk.



The meeting this month will be in the Central Logan Room at the Joco Library on 87th,
It will also be on ZOOM.

It looks like the DX-Pedition trail is heating up again, with Announcements from Swains W8S, Glorioso FT/G, KH8 American Samoa is active, as is 9Q Democratic Republic of the Congo (D.R.C), and 4W6 East Timor. Upcoming will be Clipperton TX5S. Rumors include Kerguelen and Scarborough ISLAND- is this also BS7 Scarborough Reef?

I am hoping for a good turnout for the meeting, and we will as always have an enjoyable time!!

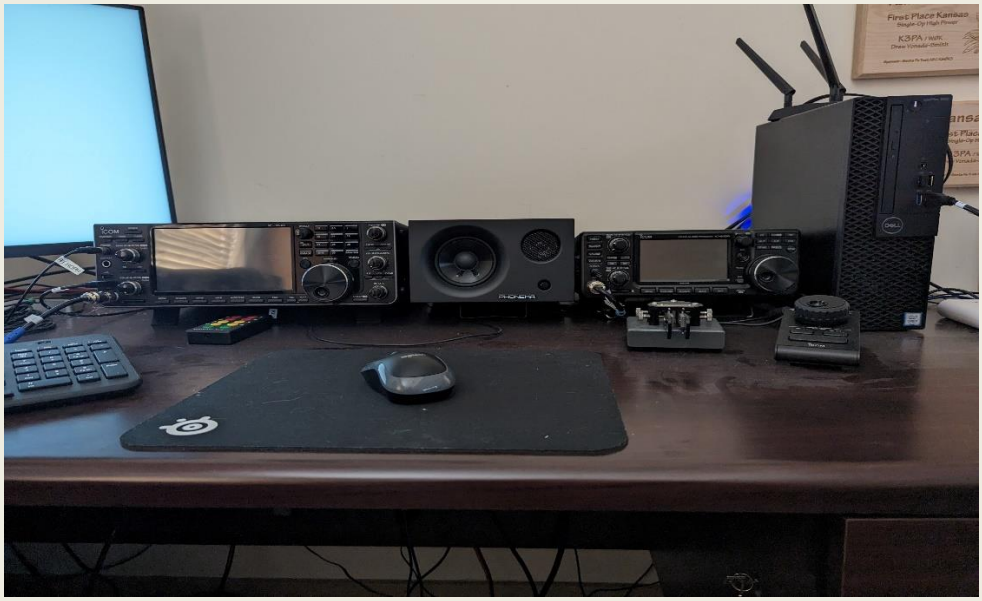
Cu at the meeting!!!!
Zoom info will be on email and also found on the club webpage at kcdxclub.org.

Here is the address of the library.
Johnson County Central Resource Library
9875 W 87th St
Overland Park, KS 66212

73 es Good DX
Chuck KØXM (ex- NØBIW)

MORE ON K3PA'S SHACK:

Here's a view on the #2 station at K3PA.



Now here's a pic of K3PA's Legacy Station:



KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT SET FOR AUGUST 23!

After postponing the KCDXC Carp tournament for 3 years because of Covid and high water, we are back in business! August 23 is the offical date of the KCDXC Carp Fishing Tournament. The sand bar under the bridge at the K-7 highway has reappeared after normal water levels on the Kaw River have returned for the KCDXC festival. Bring the family for free hot dogs, pop and beer, and if you are lucky, fresh cooked Carp! Starting time is 2 PM and remember the KCDXC doesn't pay for tickets for violation from the KS Wildlife Commission if caught and fined. No bail fees either.

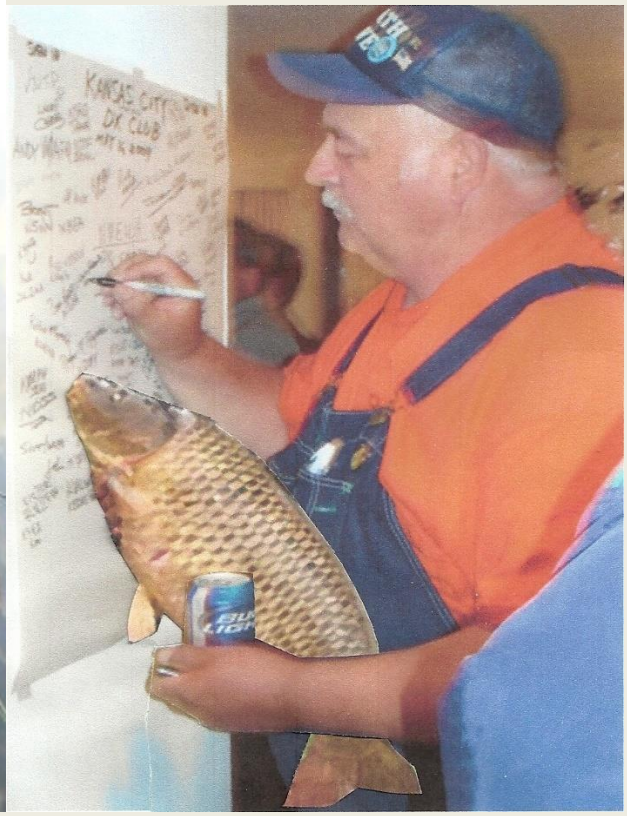
As usual KCDXC members are reminded there is only One rule to the Tournament: "There ain't no rules!" Yes, stink bait, mold from the frig, dynamite and hand grenades are all ok, but at your own risk with game wardens.

The Beer Can Throwing Contest follows the cook out. There will be plenty of room to throw dead 807's across the sand bar this year.

Below are pics of two previous Carp tournament winners. WA0WOF on the left

and W0DR on the right. Big Dave was so proud of his winning carp he carried it around the entire evening at the post tournament celebration at the Bonner Springs Holiday Inn Express KCDXC Hospitality Suite:





RESERVE AUGUST 23RD FOR THE KCDXC CARP FISHING TOURNAMENT!
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

STRANGE, BUT TRUE EVENTS IN 160 METER DXING: BY AB0X

My Elmer in ham radio was my Uncle John. He got his ham license back in '30's as a teenager in a small town in eastern Oklahoma. He built all his transmitters and heavily modified various Hallicrafters receivers over the years. His first commercial transceiver wasn't purchased until the late 1960's. John kept his original call sign W5EHY, until he became a Silent Key in 2013.

John was a serious 160 Meter op long before the recent FT8 activity. He struggled with noise issues in his small town with local power and light providers. He found a light pole near his home that had leaky insulators and broadcasted noise extrememly loud at times. He discovered that by tapping the power pole with various items temporarily stopped the bad noise issue. One night when the noise was really bad, the local police chief in my Uncle's little town received a phone call from the police dispatcher saying that "there were two crazy men hitting a power pole in town with a large sledge hammer." Not sure whether they were just crazy or a drunk townies from the nearby "Ya'll Comeback Bar & Grill," or really some weird people with a grudge against the light

company. This was the real name of the local watering hole. The police chief got in his patrol car and drove over to check out the report. He found my Uncle John and my cousin , K5NW, a college student at the time, taking turns beating the power pole a few doors from their home with a sledge hammer with all their might.

When they police chief got out he recognized my Unlce, a well known local businessman and Deacon in the Baptist church, and his son immediately. My Uncle John explained the noise issue to the police man as clealy as he could. The police chief called the police dispatcher and told him that the issue was resolved and it was just John Hawkins and his boy playing with their ham radio again. If any further calls came in he told the dispatcher to just tell callers it was two crazy, ham radio operators out checking for noise.

Eventually, the story got out and John's neighbors and bussiness associates would ask whenever they saw him "If he had been out beating any light poles lately."

John continued operating well into his 90's. His last encounter with powerline noise was in 2009, when he was last seen beating a pole near his house. Unfortunately, the noise outlived him.

More Strange, but true events in 160 Meter DX:

In the early 1980's, the 160 Meter DX Bug attacked several KCDXCers. AE0K, Dick, loaded up his tower on 160 and joined N0XA, K0CS and AB0X in the elusive low band challenge on 160. The first weekend AE0K finally put the finishing touches on his shunt fed tower antenna for top band, Dick was running SWR checks on the antenna when he was summoned to his kitchen by his xyl, Barb. She explained that she was hearing what sounded like Donald Duck talking inside her new microwave oven(Remember, this was in the 1980's, and microwaves were new technology then). Dick knew she didn't drink or was not prone to exaggeration so he quickly went upstairs to check out the report. He found nothing apparently wrong and spent some time with his head stuck inside the microwave. Finally, he told Barb, to monitor the situation closely and let him know if it was heard again.

The very next evening AE0K, had his son, Lee, a new ham, operate the rig while he further tuned the cap at the base of the tower. Lee said "Test! 1-2-3," numerous times while AE0K watched the swr bridge at the tower.

Barb came to the back door and told Dick that she was hearing "Donald Duck again and this time "he was counting." AE0K came in and listened and it did sound like some audio was coming from the microwave. After listening Dick quickly discovered that "Donald Duck counting," was Lee speaking into his new Kenwood and homebrew amp on 160 Meter SSB.

AE0K figured out quickly that SSB did sound a little like Donald Duck talking, especially when not tuned in carefully on a receiver. For some unknown reason the microwave was rectifying his signal and picking up his 160 Meter transmissions. Obviously, there was some stray RF in the AE0K household!

Hearing Dick tell this story on 146.49 after a six pack, was a priceless experience to all KCDXC listeners. Strange, but true!

DX NEWS & VIEWS BY AB0X

LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD!

Long time KCDXC member, N0CWR, has just confirmed DXCC on 6 Meters! A loud opening to the Ukraine and central Europe this past week helped Kevin reach #101 confirmed countries on the magic band. He had 50 confirmed from his original Leavenworth QTH before moving to rural Parsons, KS. N0CWR uses a 5 element beam at 55' on a tower devoted to VHF/UHF antennas. In a matter of 4-5 minutes last week, N0CWR worked an HA, UW, UT, UY to put him over 100 countries on 6 Meters. While waiting on paper QSLs a ZL,UW, and HA all confirmed a Q with N0CWR on LOTW!



If your Editor's records are correct, N0CWR is the first KCDXC Member to confirm 100 countries on 6 Meters! Congratulations, Kevin.

AC0C was listed in the new QST as the winner in the high power single op(Big Boy category) in the RTTY Roundup Contest! Jeff edged out AA3B, a long time RTTY competitor, for the top spot in the US and Canada with a score of 296,120. Looks like all that hard work and aluminum up in the air in Louisburg has paid off. See the Godzilla Advertisement in this newsletter about AC0C breathing fire in the pile ups!
Congratulations, Jeff! Been a long while since a KCDXC member has won a major contest like the RTTY Roundup!

DX NEWS:
Newington CT July 13, 2023
To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. Vasily, R7AL, Mike, RU3UR and Anastasya R6DTO are QRV as 4W6RU from Lusaka until July 20. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via R7AL.

MALAWI, 7Q. Don, K6ZO is QRV as 7Q6M from the Embangweni Mission Hospital in northern Malawi until possibly the end of July. Activity is in his spare time with a special emphasis on 6 meters. QSL direct to W0MAN.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Bert, CX3AN is QRV as 8Q7HU until July 18. Activity is holiday

style on 40 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. A large group of operators are QRV as 9Q1AA, and 9Q1ZZ using FT8, until July 18. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 with four stations. QSL direct to I2YSB.

TAIWAN, BV. Kenicho, JP1RIW is QRV as BM0QSO from New Taipei City until the end of 2023. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly FT8. QSL via bureau.

PORTUGAL, CT. Special event station CR6J will be QRV on July 17 to 23 for the 41st International Motorcycle Rally in Faro. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via CT1EHX.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Rag, LB3RE is QRV as DU1/LB3RE from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until July 18. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Wouter, PB1WL plans to be QRV as HL4/PB1WL from July 17 to August 16. QSL to home call.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. Operators N3QQ, KB2FMH and W8HC are QRV as KH8RRC from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, WWFF KFF-0054, and POTA K-0053 until July 18 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club. They are also active as W1AW/KH8 until July 18 as part of the 2023 VOTA operating event. QSL KH8RRC direct to KB2FMH, and W1AW/KH8 via LoTW only.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event stations OE2XXM and OE5XXM are QRV during July, and September around the international Autumn field day in Gosau. QSL via operators' instructions.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Nobu, JA0JHQ is QRV as OY/M0JHQ until July 15. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL direct to home call.

SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Operators PE6Q and PA4O are QRV as PJ5/home calls until July 18. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via ClubLog.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Bob, W0RGC is QRV as V7/W0RGC from Kwajalein Island for about two to three weeks. Activity is in his spare time on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

MYANMAR, XZ. Akio, JE2QIZ is QRV as XZ2B from Yangon until the end of September. Activity is on 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Eddy, OE3SEU is QRV as Z21MV through August. He is active on Satellite QO-100 using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

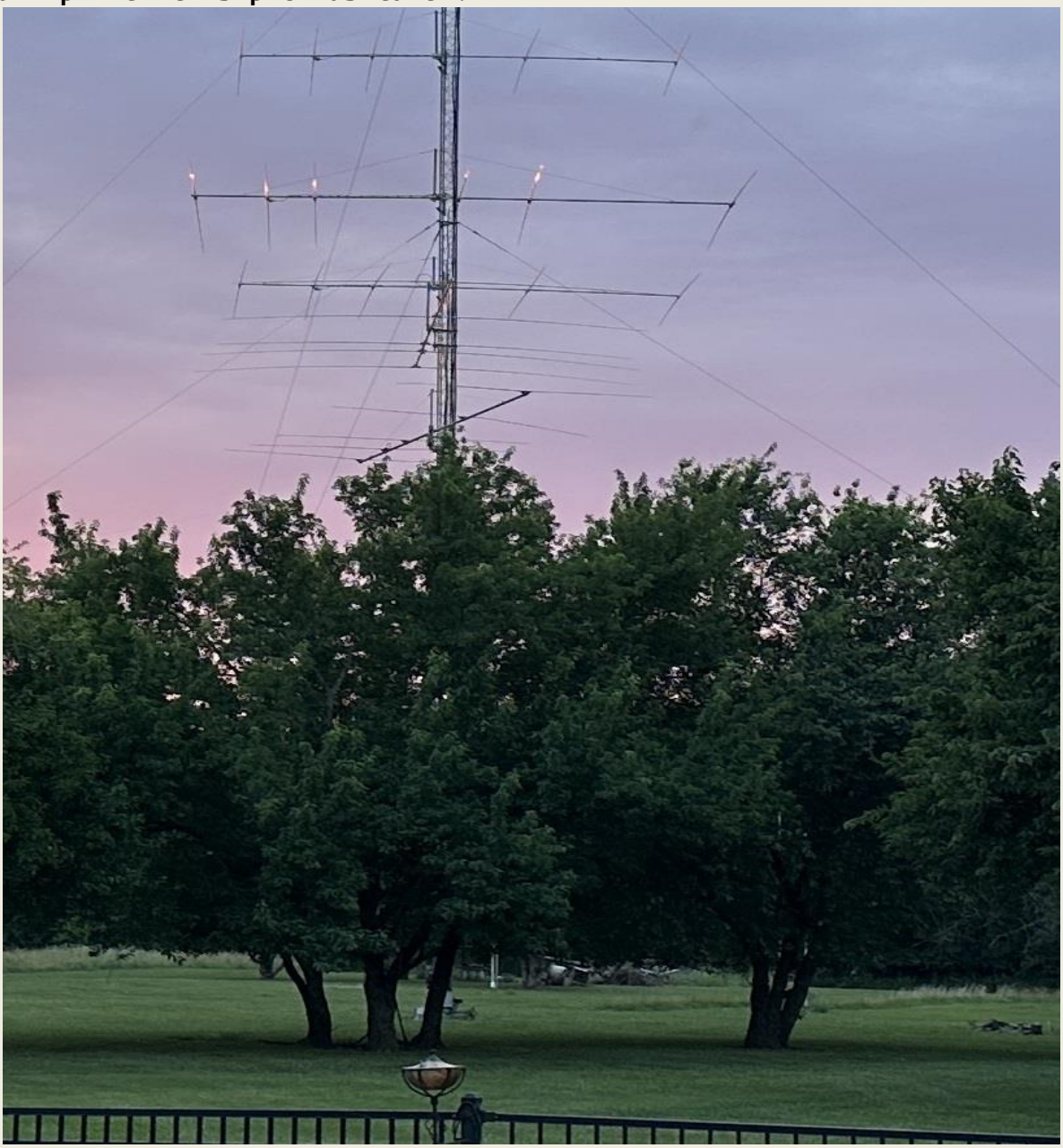
THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The North American RTTY QSO Party, CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, QRP 20-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC FT4 Sprint, NCCC RTTY Sprint, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Russian Radio Team Championship, Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge, Feld Hell Sprint, IARU Region 1 70 MHz Contest, RSGB International Low Power CW Contest and the Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest are all on

tap for this upcoming weekend.

The ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test CW 40 and the Mini-Test CW 80 are scheduled for July 17 to 19.

GODZILLA LINEAR AMPLIFIER ADVERTISEMENT

For years Godzilla Amps have said that if you own one of their amps, you will Breathe Fire in the Pile Ups. Well, DXers the proof has been obtained in a recent photo. Taken at the QTH of AC0C, Fire can be seen coming off the elements of Jeff's beam! AC0C was inside the shack operating during a contest using his Godzilla Amp when this pic was taken!



PROOF : Notice the fire coming off the elements of the yagi at AC0C.

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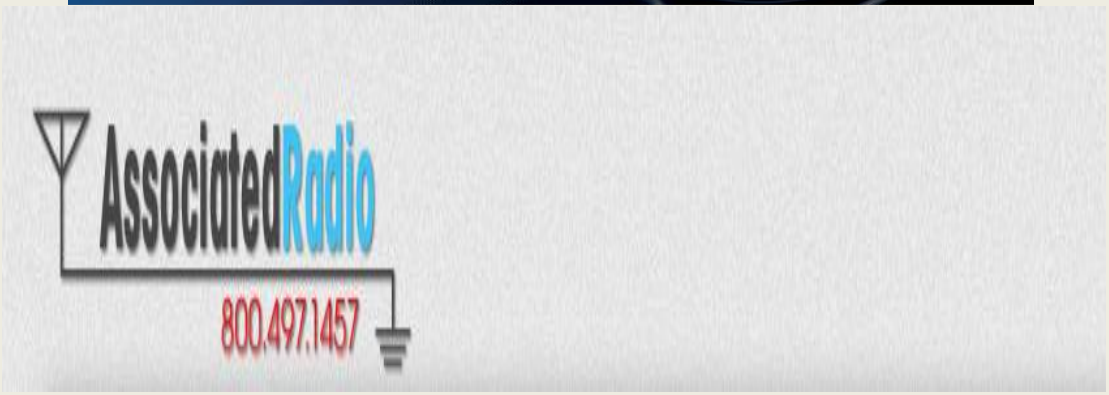







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